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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Conversation with Dr. Brzezinski, 13 November 1978

- 1. Brzezinski would like a memorandum from us assessing what the PRC attitude would be towards an improvement in US/Vietnamese relations, or in a recognition of Vietnam by the United States.
- 2. Brzezinski would like to get things moving as rapidly as possible on the establishment of standards for counterintelligence and foreign intelligence clandestine collection reviews by the SCC. He asked that I call Griffin Bell and get this moving, and that we try to get a look at what Bell is going to develop as a result of the last SCC meeting on this. In the meantime, I would like Tony Lapham to expedite our actions on this problem so we can make a good case with Bell.

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- a. The last several names didn't appear to have very broad experience.
- b. None of the political advisors we had selected were familiar with
- c. He therefore felt that a team effort which mixed experts on ____with experts with political acumen might be good. We agreed that we would try to get _____

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and one of the Ambassador's two academicians to add to whom the NSC has signed up and who is on his way to how. Brzezinski's idea would be to have the three of these people work here in Washington initially as a group to try to see what ideas	25X1
they can come up with. We could then talk about whether any or all of them should go towill be back fromthis week, so we can go ahead with this possibly next week. The ball is in our court to move out.	25X1
5. I told Brzezinski he was welcome to talk withif he wanted to, though I recommended not in the White House. He was nervous about being "used" if he went to any great length to meet with him.	25X1 25X1

- 8. I signed, dated and delivered the memo on leaks and the Attorney General.
 - 9. I didn't get to any of the other items.
- 10. We discussed the morning's SCC on MIG-23s in Cuba. Brzezinski asked me how I thought it came out. I said I thought it was satisfactory. Now that we had determined that the definition of offensive was ground attack capability, clearly any ground attack capability implied the potential for nuclear attack but we were not defining offensive as having a nuclear attack capability in place, only a ground attack capability with its implicit potential for ground nuclear attack. I did say on the policy side I felt we would be making a mistake if we drew a firm line with the



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